

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

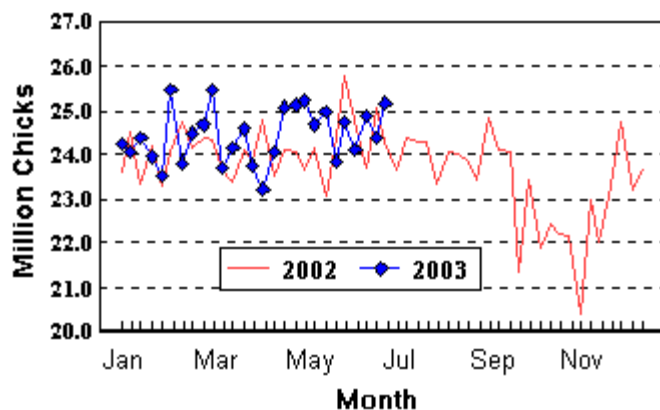
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.2 million during the week ending July 5, 2003. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 5, 2003 were 660.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

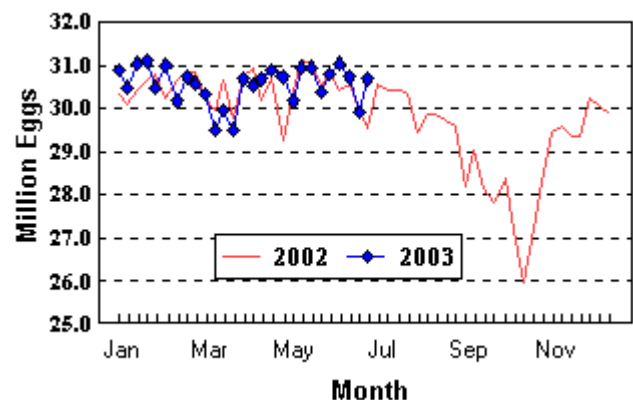
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 5, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 31	24,442	23,863	98	25,320	25,136	99	30,531	30,369	99
Jun. 7	25,785	24,744	96	25,986	25,944	100	30,870	30,797	100
Jun. 14	24,765	24,094	97	25,846	25,855	100	30,448	31,052	102
Jun. 21	23,720	24,892	105	25,422	25,268	99	30,594	30,754	101
Jun. 28	25,058	24,413	97	25,606	25,540	100	29,971	29,935	100
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104	25,365	25,629	101	29,561	30,676	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul		31-May	07-Jun	14-Jun	21-Jun	28-Jun	05-Jul	
Alabama	28,531 *	28,236	28,215	28,419	98	21,477	21,747	22,363	22,257	22,095	21,694	103
ARKANSAS	31,052	30,754	29,935	30,676	104	23,863	24,744	24,094	24,892	24,413 *	25,195	104
Delaware	3,640	3,703	3,532	3,649	105	4,316	4,839	4,722	5,579	5,556	5,137	96
Florida	1,329	1,290	1,327	1,315	56	1,836	1,762	1,566 *	1,704	1,793	1,732	72
Georgia	32,651 *	32,188	32,360	31,848	100	25,325	26,189	26,449 *	26,220 *	26,574 *	26,319	99
Kentucky	6,579	6,609	6,285 *	6,633	101	5,049	5,973	5,744	5,761	5,776 *	6,033	108
Maryland	9,611	9,585	9,563	9,267	94	7,114	6,686	6,908	5,566	5,484	5,691	90
Mississippi	19,470	18,952	18,837	18,443	98	16,036	16,655	16,786	16,759	16,696	16,388	103
N. Carolina	18,615	18,911	17,293	17,787	94	15,140	14,834	15,174	14,877	15,269	14,443	98
Oklahoma	6,732	6,696	6,430 *	5,922	91	4,471	5,461	5,651	4,119	4,785 *	3,932	81
Pennsylvania	3,836	3,870 *	3,495 *	3,835	101	2,729	2,735	2,752	2,696 *	2,659 *	2,750	98
S. Carolina	4,535	4,576	4,347 *	4,415	95	4,388	4,668	3,713	4,144	3,968 *	3,727	94
Texas	14,797 *	14,817 *	13,817 *	14,756	97	12,552	12,500 *	12,560 *	12,635 *	12,522 *	12,424	102
Virginia	6,617	6,609	6,356	6,538	104	5,165	5,055	5,324	5,763	5,514	6,219	114
CA, LA, MO, IN, WV	21,230	20,503	21,189 *	21,097	103	20,066	18,400	19,392	19,659	19,062 *	19,664	94
Total 2003	209,225 *	207,299 *	202,981 *	204,600		169,527	172,248 *	173,198 *	172,631 *	172,166 *	171,348	
Total 2002	210,870	207,561	204,462	206,891		172,385	174,118	173,320	172,818	172,481	172,394	
%Prev. Year	99	100	99	99		98	99	100	100	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending July 5, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through July 5, 2003 were 4.54 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.